



Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Our learning so far...

### Maths

We have been learning about counting in equal groups. The children have focussed on using equal groups as a quicker way of counting a total of objects. We have worked hard on counting in our 10's, 2's and 5's to make these groups. They have been really great at spotting whether a group is equal or unequal and that it is important when grouping numbers that they have the same amount in each group. Over the past week we have enjoyed reading the book 365 penguins and using it for our Maths learning. The children have been working out how many penguins would arrive if the number doubled. They have also been organising the penguins into groups of 2's, 5's and 10's to find out how they can be organised equally. Finally, when the penguins got too much for the Dad in the story, we helped him share them between two different houses.

### Literacy

We have started back by sharing our holiday news. It sounded like the children had a wonderful Easter, which were full of exciting adventures. We then wrote about their experience considering finger spaces, full stops, capital letters and spelling.

This week we have started to focus on our topic 'Our Square Mile' which is all about our local area. The children have begun creating 'This is me' booklets, thinking about at their family, friends and where they live.



**Thank you all dads, stepdads, uncles, older brothers, grandpas and male cousins that came to our reading morning!**

This morning was wonderful a great success and our male role models did an absolutely amazing job of reading with individuals and groups of children. It has been clear from the children's responses that they loved having so many male figures within the classroom.

We would love to do it again this term!

Our next chance for you to come in and share books with the children in our class will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.30 am for 15 minutes.

We would love to see you all there!

### Homework

As you are aware we have altered our homework for the Summer Term, with a bigger focus on sounding and blending alien and real words. This is in preparation for up the and coming phonics screening. The children will be expected to read both real and alien words accurately in this screening, where we encourage children to sound and blend the words to ensure they give themselves time to practise the word before saying it out loud. You may start noticing some digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) your child is finding tricky and these are ones to keep going over. Thank you for all your help.

### PE

The children love having a tennis coach and a multi skills coach teaching them PE this half term. They are learning so many new skills and fantastic control. Our PE days are now Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a PE kit on these days and appropriate footwear. Currently, some children are doing PE in their school shoes as they don't have PE shoes. This is not great for the activities or for the school shoes.

### Reminders

- Dad's reading date Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 8.30 am for 15 minutes.
- Phonics screening will take place the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- Look at for a letter coming home in the book bags about Walk to School Week.

*Many thanks for your support.*

**The Year 1 Team**